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18 October 1955

**I N T E L L I G E N C E   A D V I S O R Y   C O M M I T T E E**

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 18 October 1955

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

**M E M B E R S   P R E S E N T**

Mr. Fisher Howe, acting for Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Robert W. Cavenagh, acting for Director of Naval  
Intelligence, Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission  
representative to the IAC  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

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2. NIE 63.1-3-55  
Probable Developments in  
Vietnam to July 1956

a. Approved release of this estimate

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b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.

3. Approval of Minutes  
11 October Meeting  
(IAC-M-215)

Approved as written.

4. Watch Committee Report  
No. 271

Noted.

5. Third Annual Progress Report  
of the Economic Defense  
Intelligence Committee  
(IAC-D-53/7, 11 October 1955)

Noted.

6. DCID 4/5  
Priority National Intelligence  
Objectives  
(ONE Memorandum, 12 October 1955)

Approved as amended.

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7. Rescheduling of Estimates

(ONE Memorandum, 13 October 1955,

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re [REDACTED]

Agreed to cancel [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Further agreed

that terms of reference be prepared as soon as possible for a new estimate on the Middle East to support the NSC's review of the basic US policy paper on the area.

8. Executive Session

At 1205 the Chairman requested the members to remain for an Executive Session.

Adjournment: 1230

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Acting Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. All the IAC members approved SNIE 30-3-55, "Probable Consequences of Egyptian Arms Deal," on 12 October 1955 (IAC-M-215, 11 October 1955, Item 5 b).

2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, SNIE 30-3-55, "Probable Consequences of Egyptian Arms Deal."

3. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 63.1-3-55, "Probable Developments in Vietnam to July 1956," 11 October 1955 (IAC-M-215, 11 October 1955, Secretary's Notes, Item 3).

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Also Present

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.  
Mr. Sherman Kent  
Mr. Otto E. Guthe  
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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Department of State

Mr. George Pope

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur

Department of the Navy

Captain T. Ashcraft  
Captain B. E. Wiggin

Department of the Air Force

Colonel R. A. Breitweiser  
Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel John E. Leary, USA  
Captain C. M. White, USN  
Captain C. F. Garrison, USN

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz